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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

- 1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-7 and 26-28, drawn to a network system comprising a plurality of cable dispensing devices, classified in class 439, subclass 501.
 - II. Claims 8-25, drawn to a multiport network communications system, a combined power/Ethernet LAN cable and a power/Ethernet LAN adapter assembly, classified in class 174.
- 2. Inventions II and I are related as combination and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)). In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because claims 8-25 to the combination do not recite the subcombination details (the cable dispensing device) therefore serve as evidence that the combination does not require details of the subcombination for patentability. The subcombination has separate utility such as the ability to use with different type of cable other than the as-claimed cable.
- 3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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4. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must

include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be

traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Tho D. Ta whose telephone number is (703) 308-0800.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-5:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Paula A. Bradley can be reached on (703) 308-2319. The fax phone

numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703)

308-7722 for regular communications and (703) 308-7724 for After Final

communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or

proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-

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